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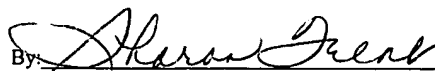
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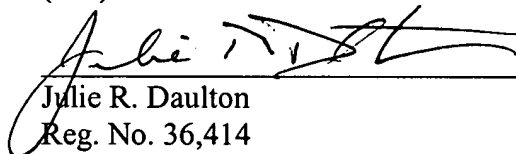
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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	5,575,826	11/1996	Gillingham et al.			
	5,772,883	06/1998	Rothman et al.			
	5,820,646	10/1998	Gillingham et al.			

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